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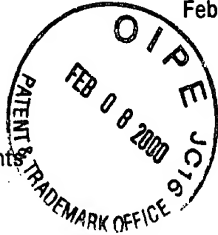
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Re: Application of Shigeto UCHIYAMA, Tomomi UENO, Megumi KUMEMURA, Kiyoko IMAIZUMI,
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ISOFLAVONE-CONTAINING COMPOSITION
Our Reference: Q57711
PCT/JP98/03460, filed August 4, 1998

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit the attached papers for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Attached hereto is the application identified above ~~which is identified by PCT International Application No. PCT/JP98/03460 filed August 4, 1998 comprising the~~ specification, claims, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, three (3) Receipts of Deposit from Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (FERM BP-6435, 6436 and 6437), International Preliminary Examination Report, International Search Report with PTO Form 1449, executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

The Office's attention is directed to the signature of the fourth inventor on the attached executed documents. The fourth inventor correctly signed his name according to the name order used in his country with the family name being set forth first. Accordingly, the typed name of the fourth inventor and the signature of the fourth inventor do correspond with each other.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total Claims	32 - 20 =	12 x \$18 =	\$ 216.00
Independent Claims	6 - 3 =	3 x \$78 =	\$ 234.00
Base Filing Fee	(\$840.00)		\$ 840.00
Multiple Dep. Claim Fee	(\$260.00)		\$ 000.00
TOTAL FILING FEE			\$ 1,290.00
Recordation of Assignment Fee			\$ 40.00
TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT FEE			\$ 1,330.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$ 1,290.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$ 40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.492; 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Japanese Patent Application
214604/1997

Filing Date
August 8, 1997

The Office is invited to contact the above firm on any question which might arise on the above-named application. Any contact that the Office might need to make should be directed to the undersigned at (202)293-7060.

Respectfully submitted,
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